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basic unit is an aminodisaccharide consisting of D-glucoronic acid and N-acetyl-D-glucosamine linked by a β 1-3 glycosidic bond.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application. Claims 1 to 33 have been canceled without disclaimer or prejudice. New claims 34 to 59 have been added and are pending. No new matter has been added with the new claims, which are supported by the original claims but have been re-drafted for U.S. practice.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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